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Besides, the branches of trees and bamboos growing within the Reserves ruined the crops. Further, the poor ryots were being prosecuted and punished by the Forest officers for trespass. As a remedy, the Member proposed that, around each field, a boundary might be cut by taking two links from the Reserves. Grazing grounds and waste lands adjoining registered lands within the Reserves should be registered as *puthuvals* in the names of the owners of the adjoining paddy lands for the protection of their crops.

Dewan's reply.—Government are against increasing the area of private registry or of cultivation within the boundaries of regularly constituted Reserves. The proposal to allow round each cultivated land a belt, which the ryot may be permitted to use, but need not cultivate, will be enquired into. Ryots have access under the existing rules to their cultivated lands within the Reserves, and that right will of course be recognised. The Conservator is being instructed accordingly.

22. *Green manure and agricultural implements.*

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Aiyar (Member, Shencotta Taluk) stated that the supply of green manure and agricultural implements might be improved, if the tank-bunds and channel-bunds were allowed to be planted with trees for green manure etc. by the adjacent land-owners on application, through licenses issued for the purpose by the officers of the Irrigation Department. The license might be cancelled and damage recovered, if the *Porambokes* were used for other purposes. The Member also pointed out that the *niruthal* lands might be ordered to be registered or leased out on *kuthakapattom* to ryots on payment of the assessment fixed thereon by the Settlement Department.

Dewan's reply.—The question of the supply of green manure and agricultural implements has been referred to Government by the Conservator. The suggestions of the Member will be considered in passing orders on that reference.

23. *Putting back forest limits, so as to provide grazing grounds, and for the supply of fuel and agricultural implements.*

Mr. Eravi Narayana Menon (Member, Kunnatnad Taluk) represented that the people were labouring under great difficulties on account of the extension of the Reserves up to their cultivated lands. To remove these difficulties, the Member suggested that it was desirable to exclude, from the Reserved Forests, lands within a radius of one mile from cultivated lands, to provide free grazing grounds as also fuel and agricultural implements.

Dewan's reply.—No general rule like this is feasible. The general question of Fuel and Fodder Reserves is engaging consideration.

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